



Rowlands Gill Primary School

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Parking Considerately

We wanted to draw your attention to the parking situation before and after school and ask for your help. We really do understand how difficult it is to park safely around school and appreciate your efforts to keep this as safe as possible. We have, however, had some complaints from local residents, mentioning – in particular – cars being parked park across pavements, blocking driveways and even people driving on the wrong side of the road. Residents are also concerned about the speed at which some people are driving at these busy times, something we have also noticed recently.

As well as maintaining good relationships with local residents, our concern is that a child or an adult could end up being injured. Please be considerate when driving and parking around school at these busy points in the school day – we will always understand if you are a minute or two late due to the difficulties of parking.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Charity Support

This year we have chosen to support Cancer Research UK as our main charity as it is close to the heart of our community. As you know, Miss Smales our Nursery teacher is currently battling breast cancer and we sadly lost a parent to cancer last year too. We want the children to understand how important research is in finding cures for the future. Our first event will be a **whole school Race for Life on Tuesday 19th October**. There will be information coming out early next week about that.



As part of our Harvest celebrations we will once again be supporting the People's Kitchen.

We will also be supporting **Children in Need on November 19th** — information to follow. (Please note we will not be supporting 'Red Nose Day').



We will be also continuing to fundraise for ourselves with the PTA, as our school budget just can't stretch to everything we want, and we'll use funds raised for things including Early Years role play items, Forest School resources and subsidising trips as needed. We are very grateful for all the support you give us to help us provided a well rounded education experience for our children.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child only brings water to school in their water bottle (not juice). Water is the healthiest option and we promote this as a school.



Children are encouraged to drink throughout the day and often keep their bottle on their desk. Spillages of water are much easier to deal with and do not ruin books.

People's Kitchen Donations

As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, Ann Varker, who works at the Methodist church, will be leading an virtual assembly for the children and we will be collecting donations for the People's Kitchen, based in Newcastle, who support homeless and vulnerable people in the local area and help fight hunger and loneliness.

Please send in donations of **tinned meat, coffee, tea, cans of pop, tinned puddings, long life milk, tinned vegetables, soups, toiletries, crisps or cereal bars by Tuesday 19th October**. Thank you.



Dates for Your Diary:

- Mon 11th October** - (all week) Bikeability training Y6
- Wed 13th October** - Year 6 Sports Festival at Thorp Academy
- Fri 15th October** - Class 4B Forest School session
- Mon 18th October** - Flu Immunisations (blue forms can still be handed in if you missed the last deadline)
- Tues 19th October** - Whole School Race for Life & last day for Harvest donations
- Fri 22nd October** - Halloween Fun Day - wear your costume all day to support our PTA (details to follow) and school closes at 3.20pm for the half term holiday
- Mon 1st November** - School photo day – see below
- Mon 8th-12th November** - Book Fair in school this week
- Mon 15th November**— Odd Socks Day—wear your oddest socks
- Fri 19th November** - Children in Need Day - non-uniform or wear your spots

Anti Bullying Week 15th—19th November

This year we are supporting the Odd Socks event as part of Anti bullying week. The theme of the week is one kind word and this is something we have also been thinking about in our assemblies recently.

How great would the world be if there were kind words only?

All staff and children are encouraged to wear their oddest socks on Monday 15th November!



COVID

I would appreciate it if all parents adhere to social distancing during drop off and pick up times and continue to wear a face covering while on site.

We understand that they are no longer mandatory, however we are trying to contain the spread across our community.

Our school continues to be affected by Covid with children and staff regularly testing positive, so we need to continue to do all we can to minimise the risks.

Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

School Photo Day

Phototronics photographers will be in school on Monday, 1st November.



If you wish to have sibling portraits taken please arrive at school for 8:30am through the Key Stage 1 Yard, go into the Hall 2 door and queue to be seen.

All classes will automatically have individual portraits taken.

Our Reception and Year 6 classes will have group portraits taken to commemorate their milestone years entering and leaving primary school. There will not be whole class photographs for other classes this year.

Christmas Card Designs

The Christmas card ordering shop closes on **Tuesday 12th October**. Please ensure orders are placed before then, following the details which were included with the letter. Unfortunately, if your child has been absent, they may not have had the opportunity to make one this year.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school and for PE. If there is a reason why they are unable to come to school in the correct kit, please inform your child's class teacher or the school office. We pride ourselves on the appearance of our children and appreciate your support in ensuring uniform standards are maintained.

Friends of Rowlands Gill Primary School

Notice is hereby given that the AGM for FORGPS will be held on **Monday 18th October** at 20:30. We are a small team of volunteers that fundraise to enhance school life for the children at RGPS. If you would like to find out more about what we do and how you could support us, please do get in touch about coming along.

As restrictions ease, we hope to be able to return to holding lots of great community events but we will only be able to do so with your support. We currently have two vacancies on our committee for a vice chair and secretary, along with lots of opportunities to volunteer for smaller roles supporting us- if you think you would be great at these roles, please get in touch for a friendly chat.

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AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Join us to find out more about what we do and how you could help us support the school.

Monday 18th October 20.30

This event is likely to be a combination of in person and via Teams to be inclusive to everyone's needs. Please message our Facebook page or email friendsofrg@outlook.com to register your interest and further details will be sent nearer the time .



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Halloween Fun Day

Keep an eye out for information coming out about our plans for a Halloween Fun Day for all of the children on Friday 22nd October.



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